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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ;EDNESDAY
JUNE 1 HEADED "LEGISLATORS DUBIOUS ON EXTRA FOREIGN AID.'
2. WASHINGTON, MAY 31--CONGRESSIONAL REACTION WAS SKEPTI-
CAL TODAY TO SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE'S PROPOSAL
THAT UNITED STATES FOREIGN AID TO THE WORLD'S POOREST
NATIONS BE INCREASED BY \$375 MILLION A YEAR.
3. WITH FEW SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON,
THERE WERE NOT MANY DIRECT COMMENTS ON MR. VANCE'S SPEECH
YESTERDAY IN PARIS. BUT REPRESENTATIVE CLARENCE D. LONG,
DEMOCRAT OF MARYLAND, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS, SAID
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"CONGRESS IS GOING TO TAKE A DIM VIEW, AND I THINK IT
OUGHT TO TAKE A DIM VIEW."

4. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY ON CAPITOL HILL
ABOUT THE TIMING OF MR. VANCE'S PROPOSAL FOR AN EXTRA
\$375 MILLION OVER PRESENT LEVELS IN BILATERAL AID FOR
THE POOREST COUNTRIES.,

5. MR. LONG AND SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ASSISTANTS SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT MADE CLEAR WHICH FISCAL YEAR MR. VANCE MEANT, AND SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30.

6. THEY ALSO SAID EXTRA MONEY BEYOND THE \$8.4 BILLION IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID ALREADY REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCT. 1 WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO GET THROUGH CONGRESS.

7. A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID \$300 MILLION OF THE MONEY MR. VANCE WAS TALKING ABOUT MIGHT BE REQUESTED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCT. 1, 1978. AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT MR. VANCE WAS COMPARING FISCAL 1979, WHICH BEGINS OCT. 1, 1978, TO FISCAL 1977, WHICH ENDS SEPT. 30 OF THIS YEAR.

8. WHILE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS HAS NOT YET TAKEN UP THE CURRENT AID REQUEST, MR. LONG'S SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED LAST WEEK TO RECOMMEND SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN AID CHanneled THROUGH MULTILATERAL AGENCIES. OUT OF \$2.6 BILLION REQUESTED FOR SIX MULTILATERAL AGENCIES, THE HOUSE PANEL RECOMMENDED CUTS OF \$493 MILLION.

9. IN URGING CUTS TOTALING \$852 MILLION IN THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO DECLINED TO RECOMMEND

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\$300 MILLION ASKED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NEW AID TO PORTUGAL.

10. BUT MR. LONG INDICATED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD NOT DECIDED FLATLY AGAINST THE AID FOR PORTUGAL, BUT HAD MERELY HAD INSUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST AND MIGHT RECOMMEND IT LATER AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILL, WHICH IS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE FULL APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

11. MR. LONG SAID "BEFORE THEY START ASKING FOR MORE MONEY, THEY'D BETTER MAKE BETTER USE OF WHAT THEY'VE GOT ALREADY." (END TEXT) CHRISTOPHER

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